



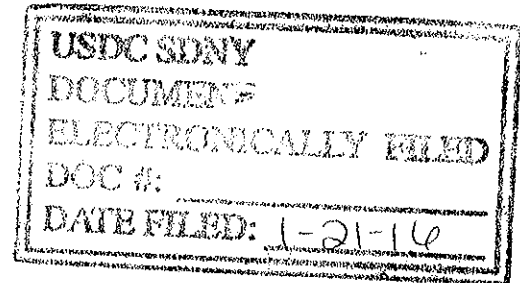
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Honorable Loretta A. Preska
Chief Administrative Judge
U.S. District Court
Southern District of New York
500 Pearl Street
New York, NY 10007-1312



Re: *Barcia v. Sitkin*, 79 Civ. 5831 and
Municipal Labor Committee v. Sitkin, 79 Civ.
5899 Consent Decree (1983)

Dear Judge Preska,

We write seeking clarification regarding the Court's Order entered January 6, 2016 concerning the protocol governing submission of plaintiff's attorney's fees ("January 6 Order"). More specifically, we seek guidance as to whether plaintiffs' counsel's billing statement dated December 31, 2015 ("December Billing Statement") is subject to the terms of the Order. The December Billing Statement was received by this office on January 5, 2016 and has not yet been processed for payment.

The parties have conferred, and plaintiffs' counsel has taken the position that the December Billing Statement is not subject to the January 6 Order. We respectfully request that Your Honor provide guidance as to whether the billing statement should be provided to the Court for approval. A copy of the December Billing Statement is enclosed.

*All of the unpaid invoices
are subject to the consent
and approval of the Court*

Respectfully submitted,

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NO GENDER

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE